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Letter dated 19 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a declaration of the Presidency of the European Community on Yugoslavia, issued at Lisbon on 17 February 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Declaration on Yugoslavia

The Community and its member States warmly welcome the recommendation made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Security Council on the deployment of a United Nations peace-keeping force in Yugoslavia, in accordance with the United Nations Plan. They strongly hope that a favourable decision will be reached shortly.

They call upon all parties to do their utmost to facilitate the speedy and safe deployment of the United Nations peace-keeping force.

The Community and its member States consider that the combined and coordinated efforts of the United Nations peace-keeping forces and of the monitor mission will constitute a major factor towards the establishment of the necessary conditions for a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the crisis, to be reached through the active participation of all parties concerned in the Conference on Yugoslavia. They also underline the continued importance of the strict respect for the arms embargo in force.

The Community and its member States reiterate their full appreciation for the results already achieved in the framework of the Conference on Yugoslavia, under the Chairmanship of Lord Carrington. In this respect, they emphasize the need for all participants to comply fully with the commitments already undertaken regarding the provisions of the Draft Treaty on the protection of human rights and the rights of minorities and the unacceptability of any change of borders brought about by force.

The Community and its member States note with appreciation the constructive attitude of Serbia and will take it into account when reviewing the question of positive measures.

The Community and its member States express their support for the ongoing efforts, under the auspices of the Conference, to foster dialogue among all parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina, aimed at achieving a constitutional solution which must take into consideration the legitimate concerns of all peoples involved within the inviolable borders of the Republic. In this light, they indicate their readiness to respond in a positive way to the request of the Bosnian authorities for international supervision of the forthcoming referendum, in close coordination with the relevant institutions of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Community and its member States will continue to follow very closely all developments concerning the possible recognition of other Republics.